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FOR AF/W FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, MR (OULD DADDAH, MARIEM)

SUBJECT: PRIVATE VISIT OF MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT'S WIFE TO
US

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 2127

1. AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN DISCUSSED MARIEM OULD DADDAH'S US
TRIP WITH PRESIDENT ON SEPT 20. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED SAT-
ISFACTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS. ON QUESTION OF PUBLICITY,
PRESIDENT ASKED THAT NO REPEAT NO INTERVIEWS BE ARRANGED.
KOCHMAN SAID PRESIDENT WANTS TRIP TREATED DISCREETLY.
NEVERTHELESS,FOLLOWING MRS. OULD DADDAH'S ARRIVAL IN
US, SUGGEST YOU CHECK AGAIN WITH AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN ABOUT
POSSIBILITY OF USIA INTERVIEW FOR USE IN MAURITANIAN MEDIA.

2. I ASKED AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN WHAT HE INTENDED TO DO ABOUT
HOTEL RESERVATIONS. HE REPLIED THAT HE IS PREPARED TO HAVE
HIS TRAVEL AGENT MAKE THEM, ADDING HE WISHED TO DISCUSS
MATTER FURTHER WITH AF/W DIRECTOR SMITH UPON RETURN TO US.
I NOTED THW HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR ARIZONA PORTION OF TRIP,
INCLUDING GRAND CANYON LODGE, WOULD BE ARRANGED. SHINN

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